

**The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 am.

Members present: Larry Bischoff, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Dale Macheel, James Qualmann and Naomi Kriewald via teleconference.

Member(s) absent: Allen Behl

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Matt Peplinski with FSA and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by William Foley to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Other Agency Monthly Updates**

- **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**  
Tonya was unable to attend meeting. John read a written report from Tonya. EQIP sign up closed on 11/20/20 for the 2021 funding year. If anyone missed the 2021 EQIP sign up they are currently taking applications for the 2022 funding year. Popular practices for 2020 were Cover Crops and Conservation Activity Plans for Forestry. Currently accepting applications for their 2021 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). CSP is open to producers of Agricultural and Forestry operations. Producers may choose one or more enhancements to apply to their current conservation activities.
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA) Matt Peplinski**  
ARC/PLC program 2021 enrollment deadline is March 15, 2021. General CRP signup deadline is February 12, 2021. There were over 120 accepted CRP contracts. FSA elections are done. Dale Macheel was elected. They will know in January who will be attending the LWCC meetings.

Request for Variance from Animal Waste Storage Ordinance by Nathan Couperus.

- Will be moved to the January 2021 agenda.

#### **Manure Storage Ordinance Fees for 2021**

- Current 2020 fees are as follows: \$500 for manure transfer, \$1000 for manure storage and \$1250 earnest money. Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel to leave the Manure Storage Ordinance Fees the same for 2021. Motion carried.

#### Well Testing program

- 908 landowners were sent letters, with 389 indicating they would like to participate. Sample kits were mailed out on November 4<sup>th</sup> to the 389 landowners with the preferred due date of December 1, 2020. As of 11/17/2020 a total of 138 water samples have been returned. They will start analyzing samples after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### WLWCA 2021 Dues

- Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel approve paying the 2021 dues of \$1660 along with \$55 for WI Envirothon and \$350 for Standards Oversight Council for a total of \$2065. Motion carried.

#### Donation of \$1500 for Dodge County Farmer Led Group for 2021

- LWCC has donated to the DC Farmer Led Group since they were formed. They are currently receiving grant money from DATCP.
- John was contacted by Bill Boettge from the Dodge County HSHW Alliance group regarding a donation to their organization. John explained who the Alliance group is.
- This will be put on the January 2021 agenda for more discussion.

#### Possible Carbon Credit Farming Plans

- WI Land and Water Association reached out to start the conversation on carbon crediting. It is a way to reward farmers for doing the right conservation practices. They have had one meeting so far. They are asking what the interest is from the Counties. Looking into how this program would line up with any current programs. Lisa Derr requested that this be put on the January 2021 agenda.

#### Farmland Preservation Update, Notices of Non-Compliance and Review Fees for 2021

- There are currently nine Notices of Non-Compliance. Two were requests to get out of the program and the other seven were due to not having all the paper work required to be in the program turned in. Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve the Notices of Non-Compliance. Motion carried.
- The current fee is \$25. John has recommended that the fee stays the same. Motion by Naomi Kriewald and seconded by James Qualmann to keep the fee at \$25 for 2021. Motion carried.

#### WLWCA Conference March 2-5, 2021 and Silent Auction Items

- John handed out the agenda for the WLWCA conference to the committee. The conference will be held virtually in 2021. Registration is still required. If any committee members are interested they should contact John prior to the next meeting and he will take care of getting them registered.
- They will still be holding the silent auction at the conference. John is looking for items from Dodge County to donate to the auction. If anyone has any ideas for these items please contact him.

#### MDV Money available for 2021

- John will be requesting to receive the projected \$54,953.84 of MDV money available to Dodge County for 2021.

#### Committee Member Reports

##### Lake Sinissippi – Naomi Kriewald

- Naomi was unable to attend their meeting so no report available.

##### Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley

- District has been formed and website has been activated. The website is [bdlakedistrict.org](http://bdlakedistrict.org). There have been articles and interviews done regarding the District. Special Assessment of \$45.80 is found on the right side of the tax bill. Electors meeting will be next year.
- The Association has stocked 4000 walleye and 6000 perch. Ongoing fish stocking program has been going roughly six years.

##### Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel

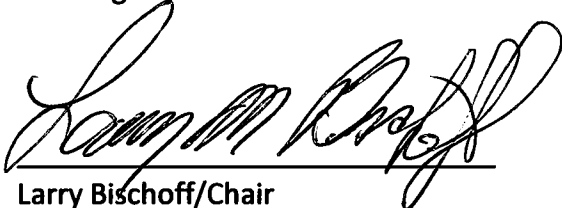
- Met November 12, 2020. Waste Water projects have been on hold due to outside contractor issue. Bill Stangel has been hired to help get farmers on board with cover crop program. All the money for the cover crop program has been spent. A few fields need to be checked yet. Bill S brought up the idea of a county wide cover crop program. Tracy Zemlo is in contact with Prison Farm regarding the use of cover crops and they are interested. Charlie Hammer Slag Project is up and running. Two new towers are being put up for high speed internet. They have received a few complaints about the new LED lights on the pumping station alarms being too bright. New weed harvesting contract for 2021 will be \$6000.
- Met December 10, 2020. Waste Water contract is all set up for cleaning the basin in the spring. Alto Creek has a weir construction. They are looking into who is responsible for the maintenance of it. They are meeting on December 28, 2020 to discuss next years cover crop program.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve Per Diems. Motion carried.


Next meeting will be January 25, 2021 at 8:15 am.

Motion by Dale Macheel and seconded by William Foley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary